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For: NUCLEIC ACID AND AMINO)	
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and in response to the Notice to Comply with the Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequences and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed April 22, 2002, Applicants hereby submit the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application. A Petition requesting a two-month extension of time and the corresponding petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) accompany this Preliminary Amendment which is being filed on its due date of August 22, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

In the Specification:

Please replace the Specification filed on March 7, 2002 with the attached amended substitute Specification.